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Attorney's Docket No. 1032326-000057

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP
Stephanie Ayala et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3729
Application No.: 09/545,288)	Examiner: MINH N TRINH
Filed: April 7, 2000)	Confirmation No.: 1602
For: METHOD FOR MAKING SMART)	
CARDS CAPABLE OF OPERATING)	
WITH AND WITHOUT CONTACT)	

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3) TO ACCEPT

UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM

UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants petition the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 in this application.

The present application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/FR98/02147, filed October 8, 1998, which claims priority to French Patent Application No. 97/12530, filed October 8, 1997.

Applicants petition the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to accept an unintentionally delayed claim to International Application No. PCT/FR98/02147 under 35 U.S.C. § 120 in this application.

In support of this Petition, applicants provide the following:

(A) A reference to the above application, as required by 35 U.S.C. §120 and 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2), which is contained in the Amendment filed concurrently herewith;

- (B) A surcharge as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t);
- (C) The following statement: The entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date of this petition was unintentional; and
- (D) An Application Data Sheet.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21, that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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